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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning
4 Council; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Council;
5 requiring the Council to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for
6 the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

8 Preamble

9 WHEREAS, Maryland plays a prominent role in our nation's defense through
10 its many defense laboratories, private sector companies, and military installations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Those military installations will be scrutinized as part of the
13 United States Department of Defense's Efficient Facilities Initiative (EFI), otherwise
14 known as the "BRAC of 2005", a review process that is expected to close up to 25% of
15 the existing military bases in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Maryland's industries, universities, businesses, and workers have
17 contributed to our nation's defense, utilizing their capital, talents, and skills to
18 develop and produce important new technologies and advanced weapons systems,
19 aircraft, and missiles; and

20 WHEREAS, Maryland needs a focused, coordinated federal military installation
21 retention effort within the State in order to protect the existing defense installations
22 and facilities within the State; now, therefore,

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That:

25 (a) There is a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

26 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

1 (1) three members selected by the President of the Senate to represent
2 community interests, of which:

3 (i) one shall be a member of the Senate; and

4 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to
5 military installations;

6 (2) three members selected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to
7 represent community interests, of which:

8 (i) one shall be a member of the House of Delegates; and

9 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to
10 military installations;

11 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or a designee;
12 and

13 (4) six members selected by the Governor of which three shall be
14 citizens.

15 (c) Each member of the Council shall be appointed on or before July 1, 2003.

16 (d) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Council.

17 (e) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide
18 staff support to the Council.

19 (f) A member of the Council may not receive compensation for serving on the
20 Council but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
21 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (g) The Council shall:

23 (1) identify the public infrastructure and other community support
24 necessary to improve mission efficiencies and for the development and expansion of
25 existing military installations in the State;

26 (2) identify the existing and potential impacts of encroachment on
27 military installations in the State;

28 (3) identify potential State and community actions that can minimize
29 the impacts of encroachment and enhance the long term potential of military
30 installations;

31 (4) identify opportunities for collaboration among military contractors,
32 local governments, the State, and military departments to enhance the economic
33 potential of military installations and the economic benefits of military installations
34 to the State;

1 (5) review State policies, including funding and legislation, to identify
2 actions necessary to prepare for the United States Department of Defense Efficient
3 Facilities Initiative that will begin in 2005; and

4 (6) research how other jurisdictions have addressed the issues regarding
5 encroachment and partnership formation.

6 (h) On or before December 31, 2003, the Council shall report its findings and
7 recommendations to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
8 Article, to the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the
11 end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
12 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.